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MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF AND ASSEMBLY
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this continuing patent application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP00/03561, filed June 1, 2000, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks to be entered into this patent application. A marked-up copy of the claims as amended by this Amendment is submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the first sentence of the specification as follow: "This is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP00/03561, designating the United States, and having an international filing date of June 1, 2000".